

2 Maccabees 12



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English) Bible versions.

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12= 1 When
these covenants
were made,
Lysias went
unto the king,
and the Jews

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**were about their
husbandry.**

12:2 But of the
governours of
several places,
Timotheus, and
Apollonius the
son of Genneus,
also
Hieronymus,
and Demophon,

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and beside them
Nicanor the
governor of
Cyprus, would
not suffer them
to be quiet and
live in peace.

12=3 The men of
Joppa also did
such an
ungodly deed:

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**they prayed the
Jews that dwelt
among them to
go with their
wives and
children into the
boats which
they had
prepared,
as though they
had**

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meant them no
hurt.

12:4 Who

accepted of it
according to the
common decree
of the city, as
being desirous
to live in peace,
and suspecting
nothing: but

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**when they were
gone forth into
the deep, they
drowned no less
than two
hundred of
them.**

**12=5 When
Judas heard of
this cruelty
done unto his**

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**countrymen, he
commanded
those that
were with him to
make
them ready.**

12=6 **And calling
upon God the
righteous
Judge, he came
against those**

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**murderers of his
brethren, and
burnt the haven
by night, and
set the boats on
fire, and those
that fled thither
he slew.**

12:7 And when
the town was
shut up, he went

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**backward, as if
he would return
to root out all
them
of the city of
Joppa.**

**12=8 But when
he heard
that the
Jamnites were
minded to do in**

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like manner
unto the Jews
that dwelt
among them,
12:9 He came
upon the
Jamnites also
by night, and
set fire on the
haven and the
navy, so that the

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**light of the fire
was seen at
Jerusalem two
hundred and
forty furlongs
off.**

**12: 10 Now
when they were
gone from
thence nine
furlongs in their**

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**journey toward
Timotheus, no
fewer than five
thousand men
on foot and five
hundred
horsemen of the
Arabians set
upon him.**

**12: 11 Whereup
on there was a**

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**very sore battle;
but Judas' side
by the help of
God got the
victory; so that
the Nomades of
Arabia, being
overcome,
besought Judas
for peace,
promising both**

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**to give him
cattle, and to
pleasure him
otherwise.**

12: 12 Then
Judas, thinking
indeed that they
would be
profitable in
many things,
granted them

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peace:
whereupon they
shook hands,
and so they
departed to their
tents.

12=13 He went
also about to
make a bridge
to a certain
strong city,

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**which was
fenced about
with walls, and
inhabited by
people of divers
countries; and
the name of it
was Caspis.**

12= 14 But they
that were within
it put such trust

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**in the strength
of the walls and
provision of
victuals, that
they behaved
themselves
rudely toward
them that were
with Judas,
railing and
blaspheming,**

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and uttering
such words as
were not to be
spoken.

12: 15 Wherefor
e Judas with his
company,
calling upon the
great Lord of
the world (who
without rams or

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**engines of war
did cast down
Jericho in the
time of Joshua)
gave a fierce
assault against
the walls,**

12=16 **And took
the city by the
will of God, and
made**

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**unspeakable
slaughters,
insomuch that a
lake two
furlongs broad
near adjoining
thereunto, being
filled full, was
seen running
with blood.**

12: 17 Then

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departed they
from thence
seven hundred
and fifty
furlongs, and
came to
Characa unto
the Jews that
are called
Tubieni.

12: **18** But as for

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**Timotheus, they
found him not in
the places: for
before he had
dispatched any
thing, he
departed from
thence, having
left a very
strong garrison
in a certain**

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hold.

12=19 Howbeit
Dositheus and
Sosipater, who
were of
Maccabeus'
captains, went
forth, and slew
those that
Timotheus had
left in the

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**fortress, above
ten thousand
men.**

**12:20 And
Maccabeus
ranged his army
by bands, and
set them over
the bands, and
went against
Timotheus, who**

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**had about him
an hundred and
twenty
thousand men
of foot, and two
thousand, and
five hundred
horsemen.**

**12=21 Now
when Timotheus
had knowledge**

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**of Judas'
coming, he sent
the women and
children and the
other baggage
unto a fortress
called Carnion:
for the town was
hard to besiege,
and uneasy to
come unto, by**

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**reason of the
straitness of all
the places.**

12:22 But when
Judas his first
band came in
sight, the
enemies (being
smitten with
fear and terror
through the

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appearing of
him who seeth
all things) fled
again, one
running into this
way, another
that way, so as
that they were
often hurt of
their own men,
and wounded

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**with the points
of their own
swords.**

12:23 Judas
also was very
earnest in
pursuing them,
killing those
wicked
wretches, of
whom he slew

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**about thirty
thousand men.**

12=24 Moreover
Timotheus
himself fell into
the hands of
Dositheus and
Sosipater,
whom he
besought with
much craft to let

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**him go with his
life, because he
had many of the
Jews' parents,
and the brethren
of some of
them, who, if
they put him
to death,
should not
be regarded.**

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12:25 So when he had assured them with many words that he would restore them without hurt, according to the agreement, they let him go for the saving of

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their brethren.

12=26 Then
Maccabeus
marched forth
to Carnion, and
to the temple of
Atargatis, and
there he slew
five and twenty
thousand
persons.

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12=27 And after
he had put to
flight and
destroyed them,
Judas removed
the host toward
Ephron, a
strong city,
wherein
Lysias abode,
and a great

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**multitude of
divers nations,
and the strong
young men kept
the walls, and
defended them
mightily:
wherein also
was great
provision of
engines**

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and darts.

12=28 But when
Judas and his
company had
called upon
Almighty God
(who with his
power breaketh
the strength of
his enemies)
they won the

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**city, and slew
twenty and five
thousand of
them that were
within,**

12:29 From
thence they
departed to
Scythopolis,
which lieth six
hundred

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furlongs from
Jerusalem,
12=30 But when
the Jews that
dwelt there had
testified that the
Scythopolitans
dealt lovingly
with them, and
entreated them
kindly in the

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**time of their
adversity;**

12=31 They
gave them
thanks, desiring
them to be
friendly still
unto them: and
so they came to
Jerusalem, the
feast of the

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weeks
approaching.
12=32 And after
the feast, called
Pentecost, they
went forth
against Gorgias
the governor of
Idumea,
12=33 Who
came out with

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**three thousand
men of foot and
four hundred
horsemen.**

12:34 And it
happened that
in their fighting
together a few
of the Jews
were slain.

12:35 At which

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**time Dositheus,
one of
Bacenor's
company, who
was on
horseback, and
a strong man,
was still upon
Gorgias, and
taking hold of
his coat drew**

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**him by force;
and when he
would have
taken that
cursed man
alive, a
horseman of
Thracia coming
upon him smote
off his shoulder,
so that Gorgias**

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**fled unto
Marisa.**

12=36 Now
when they that
were with
Gorgias had
fought long, and
were weary,
Judas called
upon the Lord,
that he would

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**shew himself to
be their helper
and leader of
the battle.**

12:37 And with
that he began in
his own
language, and
sung psalms
with a loud
voice, and

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**rushing
unawares upon
Gorgias' men,
he put them to
flight.**

12=38 So Judas
gathered his
host, and came
into the city of
Odollam, And
when the

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**seventh day
came, they
purified
themselves (as
the custom was)
and kept the
sabbath in the
same place.**

12=39 **And upon
the day
following, as the**

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use had been,
Judas and his
company came
to take up the
bodies of them
that were slain,
and to bury
them with their
kinsmen in their
fathers' graves.

12:40 Now

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**under the coats
of every one
that was slain
they found
things
consecrated to
the idols of the
Jamnites, which
is forbidden the
Jews by the law.
Then every man**

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**saw that this
was the cause
wherefore they
were slain.**

12:41 All men
therefore
praising the
Lord, the
righteous
Judge, who had
opened the

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things that
were hid,
12=42 Betook
themselves unto
prayer, and
besought him
that the sin
committed
might wholly be
put out of
remembrance.

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**Besides, that
noble Judas
exhorted the
people to keep
themselves
from sin,
forsomuch as
they saw before
their eyes the
things that
came to pass**

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for the sins
of those that
were slain.

12=43 And when
he had made a
gathering
throughout the
company to the
sum of two
thousand
drachms of

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silver, he sent it
to Jerusalem to
offer a sin
offering, doing
therein very well
and honestly, in
that he was
mindful of the
resurrection:

12:44 (For if he
had not hoped

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**that they that
were slain
should have
risen again, it
had been
superfluous and
vain to pray for
the dead.)**

12=45 And also
in that he
perceived that

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**there was great
favour laid up
for those that
died godly, it
was an holy and
good thought.
Whereupon he
made a
reconciliation
for the dead,
that they might**

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**be delivered
from sin.**

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